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The reply brief filed July 5, 2007 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Junghwa M. Im whose telephone number is (571) 272-1655. The examiner can normally be reached on MON.-FRI. 8:30AM-5:00PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynne A. Gurley can be reached on (571) 272-1670. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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**APPELLANTS' REPLY BRIEF ON APPEAL**

Sir:

Appellants respectfully reply herein to the Examiner's Answer mailed on April 4, 2007, in the above-identified application.

Appellants respectfully submit that there are at least five fundamental flaws in the Examiner's position presented in the Examiner's Answer, as follows.

1. Even if all three references of record were to be combined, the combination would not result in the present invention described by the claims;
2. The Examiner's position fails to honor the terminology (e.g., "circuit design modules") used in the claims, as this terminology is defined in the specification;
3. The Examiner's position improperly ignores structural terminology (e.g., "grids of

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